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## Bill seen as major blow to Islands Trust

### Ministry will have responsibility for appointing staff

A bill allowing the ministry of municipal affairs to appoint Islands Trust staff was tabled in the legislature Friday, a move that has been termed a "major blow" to the Trust.

General Trustee and Salt Spring Trust representative Nick Gilbert said Monday that the Islands Trust Amendment Act, Bill 30, means the minister has the power to remove Trust staff "and prevent us from doing our job."

Gilbert feels the bill is "a cover-up" for an attempt by the government to "destroy the autonomy of the Trust."

The bill will allow the ministry to appoint Trust employees and it also transfers them to the municipal affairs ministry.

According to the minister, it is a means of "straightening up" the Trust Act.

Bill Ritchie said on the weekend that the Trust will continue to function as it has done. However, he said he would take a "hard look" at the appointment of Adrian Stott as Trust manager, to determine whether the taxpayers should pay \$40,000 a year for someone to manage six people.

Gilbert complained that the ministry of municipal affairs had been secretive about the bill, observing that there had been no consultation with the Trust beforehand.

He said the Trust had given the ministry "strong signals to indicate that we're open to negotiation" and change. But, he added, the Trust has not even been able to obtain a copy of the new legislation from the government. He said the Trust was provided with a preliminary copy of Hansard by the NDP opposition.

Trust chairman Mike Humphries told *Driftwood* Tuesday that he is attempting to have the minister take a second look at the legislation.

If the bill goes through, Humphries said, it will cause a "great deal of uncertainty" in the Trust office. The uncertainty would revolve around who would be the boss, the deputy minister or the General Trust.

Humphries indicated that he had offered Ritchie three options to the legislation.

If the minister is concerned about the union status of the employees, the addition of a single sentence to the existing Islands Trust Act would cover it. Humphries suggests that the addition should indicate that the Trust employees are deemed to be staff of municipal affairs but the Islands Trust maintains the right to appoint the staff.

The second option would be to make appointments to the Trust with each appointment being approved or rejected by the minister while the General Trust would be

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Driftwood photo by Alice Richards

### Minister is speaker

International Trade and Investment Minister Don Phillips addressed Salt Spring Chamber of

Commerce luncheon at Ganges Monday. Seated are, from left, chamber directors Jonathan

Oldroyd, Arvid Chalmers and Beth MacDonald. Story—Page 2.

### Police seize 130 lbs. of marijuana

RCMP raided two residences on Salt Spring last Thursday and seized up to 130 pounds of marijuana.

Charges were brought against K.A. Anderson and G. Lewis for possession of marijuana for the purpose of trafficking as well as a charge of cultivation of marijuana. The seizure took place at a residence on Fulford-Ganges Road. Both men are from Prince Rupert.

They appeared in court in Victoria Friday and were remanded to another court appearance on April 5. Police seized up to 70 pounds of marijuana which they said was being grown hydroponically.

In another arrest, RCMP laid similar charges against E.C. Hamman of Victoria when they staged a raid on an Isabella Point Road residence. The raid netted up to 60 pounds of marijuana which was also being grown hydroponically.

Hamman was in Victoria court Friday and remanded until April 5.

### Business cancelled

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Islands, would no longer be commission with municipal areas. Pender, John Raine, spokesman Dr. H. Scarrow of funds for Lorraine Campbell of year would

A 4-H Club for the year would Spring was being organ

## Building was slow in February

Building activity was at a low ebb in the islands during the month of February.

Three permits were issued in respect of single-family dwellings, all on the Penders. On Salt Spring Island permits were issued in that month for two mobile homes.

In addition, one commercial permit was issued on Salt Spring Island.

Permits were also issued for 37 plumbing, chimney and other small projects on Salt Spring Island, making a total value of \$83,788.

On the Penders permits for the three dwellings and 15 other projects were valued at \$219,091. Minor projects on Mayne Island saw the issue of three permits totalling \$2,000.

During the months of January and February this year, permits have been issued in respect of seven single-family dwellings in the islands, two on Salt Spring, four on the Penders and one at Galiano. Two mobile homes and eight commercial permits were undertaken on Salt Spring Island in the two months.

**TOTAL PERMITS**  
Total of 40 permits was issued on Salt Spring in those two months, with 23 on the Penders, three at Galiano and five for Mayne Island. These permits covered a wide range

of minor works.

Permits covered an estimated value of \$247,228 on Salt Spring; \$280,044 on the Penders; \$30,020 on Galiano and \$2,500 on Mayne Island.

Statistics were compiled by the building inspection division of the CRD.

Over the entire region, in the electoral areas, the number of building starts was down in

February as compared with the same month in previous years. The total value of construction was sharply down.

The two-month figures for 1985 show an increase in the number of permits throughout the region but a drop in total value.

In February, 1985, a total of 157 permits was issued over the entire region, valued at \$1,595,000;

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## Cool temperatures to continue this week

March will be going out like a lion.

The weather office predicts several days of "possible storms" coupled with below normal temperatures.

A storm track is heading off the Pacific into Oregon and northern California. Southern British Columbia may be hit by the edge of that storm track.

The weatherman predicts gale-force winds of up to 50 knots for the Strait of Juan de Fuca as well as Georgia Strait. There will be a mix of rain and snow turning to thunder storms and the possibility of hail.

Temperatures will range from a

low of one degree at night to a high of seven during the day.

The temperatures will be cooler than normal and could drop below freezing at night.

All told, the weather patterns for the next few days can be described as "unstable," said the weatherman.

Snow was reported on various parts of the islands on the weekend and settled on the ground in the higher reaches.

Meanwhile, hummingbirds have been sighted despite cool temperatures. There were reports of hummingbirds at North Salt Spring and Fulford last week.

# Economic growth dependent on export market

The countries of the Pacific Rim are Canada's fastest-growing export market, International Trade and Investment Minister Don Phillips told a luncheon meeting Monday at Ganges.

As he began his talk, Phillips paid tribute to the efforts of chambers of

commerce. As a voice of the business community, they have a "definite place in the community," he said.

Canada, he explained, is a trading nation and the growth of exports equals economic growth. There are three keys to success in the international market, he noted.

The first is access to those markets with the second being a competitive stance there. At one point, the world came to buy Canadian resources but that is no longer the case, he said. Now Canadians have to go out and find the markets.

The third basis for success is to be effective in export merchandising.

Phillips went on to outline the importance to Canada of the international market. In 1970, for instance, Canada controlled 4.5% of that market. By 1983, the nation's position had slipped to four percent. That missing .5% could mean the difference of up to 160,000 jobs, he said.

The market in the Pacific Rim equals \$550 billion each year or 20%

of world trade. Canada needs access to that market and British Columbia would gain. B.C., he pointed out, contributes 50% of the Canadian trade to Pacific countries.

By the same token, the United States remains Canada's most important trading partner, not only for Canada but also B.C. Negotiations should be going on, he said, to ease the effects of recession. Canada should be moving towards freer trade with the U.S., he suggested.

On the provincial scene, Phillips noted that the recent budget offered

opportunity for the business community. Restraint, which was nearing an end, had been imposed by the government at the right time.

While other jurisdictions have not emerged from restraint in good condition, B.C. has, he said.

As an example, he said that the province is spending one percent less on salaries for civil servants than it did before the restraint program began. If restraint had not been imposed, the salaries could be 125% of what they were, he said.

In conclusion, Phillips noted that any increase in international trade will translate into more jobs. The labour pool is currently larger than it has been and while more people are working, the unemployment figures remain high because "jobs can't be created fast enough."

## Bill 30

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the authority to assign duties and responsibilities to staff.

Humphries said the third option would be similar to the provisions governing the staff of the Agricultural Land Commission. The staff there is appointed but the act does not say who appoints them. At the same time, the act makes clear that duties and responsibilities of staff are assigned by the commission.

He said the Trust would prefer the options in the order in which he listed them and efforts to get the minister to consider the options are under way.

There are currently eight staff and a manager at the Trust office on Courtney Street in Victoria. There is a research officer, an administrative officer, one stand-in and one full-time secretary, a staffer who handles mapping, another employee who was bumped from parks and two official planners.

One Trust staff member told *Driftwood* on Monday that the only word they'd had on the bill was through the media.

"Nobody's talked to us."

## Deadline Friday for funding assistance

Friday is the deadline for employers wishing to take advantage of government funding assistance for hiring students and youth.

Known this year as Challenge '85, the B.C./Canada summer employment program operates from April 29 to September 6, except for tourist information centres and museums where funding will be available until September 13. Positions must be created for at least six weeks.

Financial assistance offered is: 50% wage reimbursement up to \$2.50 per hour for businesses and farms and 100% wage reimbursement up to \$3.65 per hour for other costs for community/non-profit organizations.

Priority is being given to career-related projects.

Application forms are available at the Chamber of Commerce office in Ganges.

## Sewer tenders opened

Lowest bid for the construction of the Ganges sewer collection system came in \$166,000 below the cost estimated by the Capital Regional District.

Thirteen tenders were opened in Victoria Monday and the regional board is expected to choose a contractor for the job today (Wednesday).

Lowest bid came from Fidelity Blasting of Victoria at \$683,292 while the high bid was Riverside Excavating's \$1,129,345.

One Salt Spring Island contractor bid on the job. Discovery Land Service submitted a tender for \$749,984.

The regional district's engineering department had estimated the collection system cost at \$850,000.

## Sewer bylaw challenged

A court challenge to the bylaw which defines the Ganges sewer area has been launched against the Capital Region.

The notice of application for the challenge was forwarded to the CRD from the Victoria law firm of Rosenberg Rosenberg and Woodward. The application is being made by Betty Delmonico and Herman Kirchmeir, both of Salt Spring Island.

## Region, engineer settle for \$90,000

The Capital Regional Board has reached an agreement with its former chief engineer, Norman Howard, in an out-of-court settlement of \$90,000.

Board chairman Howard Sturrock said late last week that Mr. Howard's termination on March 1, 1983, was not intended in any way to impugn his professional and managerial integrity or competence.

The termination was part of a reorganization of the CRD engineering department, and during his years with the district, Howard "served the regional district diligently and faithfully," Sturrock said.

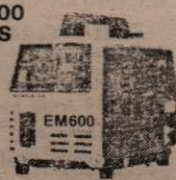
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...by Richards

## The end is in sight

There was a time when any ordinary telephone user could dial just the four significant digits and get through to another Ganges number. The system was popular because it saved time and it also saved wear and tear on the dialling digit.

The fingers of the right hand get very tired after a long day at the telephone.

The next procedure required the use of a "one" before the four consecutive figures. It was particularly good for the subscriber whose number was 2345, because it became 1-2-3-4-5 and was very easy to remember.

But the end is coming very fast. It appears that the telephone powers are planning a change in procedures and come September there will be a prior claim on all ones. Instead of the prefix "112" currently used for calling long distance, the prefix will be "one". That's right! It's the same "1" that we have used for so long on the Ganges exchange. And maybe on others.

It also means that effective this week we have to dial seven digits instead of five. Unfair!

## The smiling minister

When Don Phillips, minister of international trade and investment, came to Ganges on Monday, he brought a happy message of optimism.

The minister explained his new portfolio and outlined the bearing it has on all of British Columbia. The interesting aspect of his visit was the air of confidence he brought with him.

I certainly hope he's right when he tells us that the recession has run its course and that the economic road is cleared and paved. But whether he's right or not, he conveys one very positive message and that is that he believes he's right.

We saw Phillips smiling his way confidently into the future. He also referred to the various aspects of his new job, selling British Columbia in world markets. If Don Phillips can't sell this province, I reckon nobody can.

And I have to add that it was a privilege to guide him to Harbour House Hotel. He followed my car, clearly marked, "I Grit". Long time since he had his way laid out for him by a Liberal!

## Where do they all end up?

I know what Woody Fisher does for kicks these days. He's the fellow who started *Driftwood* and left his brand on the islands. I was talking to him about his past sins and I asked him about his present errors.

Woody writes a column for the *Comox Free Press* and he hosts a hot line show on the up-island cablevision service. And there's fishing and golf and things.

## Sidney off for refit

The *Queen of Sidney* is back on the Long Harbour-Tsawwassen route for a month.

The *Queen of Tsawwassen* went in for refit on Monday.

When the *Tsawwassen* returns to duty on April 24, she will sport the new colour design which the ferry corporation recently adopted. Gone will be the pale blue which had become so familiar.

And when the *Bowen Queen* returns to duty on the Fulford-Swartz Bay run, she too will have the bright colours of the new design. The *Bowen* is expected back April 2.



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## Nostalgia and a hat

I see Mouat's have a sale on men's hats. I used to wear a hat. In my early manhood and in my late teens I wore a hat to prove that I was, in fact in my early manhood or late teens. If I thought it would get me back there I'd be wearing a hat at the typewriter. But I write upstairs where it's warmer than downstairs and a hat wouldn't make the keys move faster.

The last hat I wore was a peaked cap purchased to keep the hair out of my eyes when riding in a convertible. It was a British cap. I also have a Canadian ski cap to keep the hair out of my eyes while riding in a convertible. And I have an air force cap, grey blue, which I never wear. Except to fool my grandchildren.

The last time I wore a hat regularly was the first few months I was out of the air force after W. W. II. It was a good hat: green. And it had a little feather in the hatband. I went to a movie one night at the ...but who cares where? A few days later I remembered placing the hat under the seat, but I never retrieved it.

Since then I've gone easy on hats. I can't afford to lose one every time I go to a show. Maybe I'd better!

## The beginning of spring!

Springtime: thoughts of the chirruping of birds and the gambolling of lambs. Forget it! The birds' chirp would freeze on their lips and the lambs are too young to freeze. What has spring brought us? We've had gales, snow, sleet, rain and hail. Sure, we needed rain! But we would have happily settled for the gentle patter of warm rain. And what did we get? A deluge of everything! I can't wait for summer, but I could wish that television weathermen would cut out those silly smiles. What have they got to smile about? And what have we got to smile about if it comes to that? It could be worse, I guess. It could be freezing.

## Why all these cedars?

I have a little garden with lots of trees. The trees are weeds and are socially acceptable. If I should remove them and switch to thistles I shall no longer be socially acceptable. Assuming that I am now. So the trees stay with me and mine.

But I have made a discovery this spring: both days. The seedlings scattered through the trees are almost all cedars. I like cedars and I'm not knocking them. But why, in a garden of firs, balsam, cedars and hemlock would cedars run so far ahead of the others? Maybe that's normal, but I don't remember so great a prominence to cedars.

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## Trust under fire

The minister of municipal affairs, it would seem, is determined to rid the province of the Islands Trust or—at the very least—to tie the hands of the Trust and effectively render it powerless.

A bill tabled in the legislature Friday will allow the ministry of municipal affairs to appoint the Trust staff, a job undertaken until now by the Trust itself. According to Municipal Affairs Minister Bill Ritchie, Bill 30, the Islands Trust Amendment Act, simply straightens up the act. Existing Trust staff will become ministry employees.

Trust representatives are justified in calling into question the minister's reasons for introducing this legislation. If the minister is simply straightening up the act, why then has there been no consultation with the Trust itself?

Surely the Islands Trust and its staff could have provided the minister with some valuable insight into the functions and duties of the people who work in the Courtney Street office. But the minister chose not to bother with consultation, leaving us with only one conclusion: the province is determined to strip the Trust of its powers.

It's too bad the minister doesn't seem to have the courage to come right out and say so.

## Dangerous sport

A fatal traffic accident is in the cards at Salt Spring Island if local youngsters continue to tell the world of their imminent entry into manhood by uprooting traffic signs.

Knocking over signs has been a recurring problem for many years but only rarely does the act pose any real danger to motorists. Last weekend one of the island's busiest intersections was left one stop sign short after what must have been an exhilarating night of sign destruction by some local youths.

Removal of the stop sign on Vesuvius Bay Road at Central was done with no thought whatsoever for the possible consequences. It's time those youngsters gave some consideration to the possibility of a traffic death as a direct result of their actions.

## The upper house

The New Democrats in Ottawa are more sweeping in their demands than has been most of Canada. Ed Broadbent demanded recently that the Canadian Senate be eliminated. The need for reform of the Senate has been a national concern for many years. The question of abandoning the upper house has been raised in many quarters, but it is unlikely that the vast majority of Canadians would eagerly adopt that route without a thorough analysis of the effects and of the alternatives.

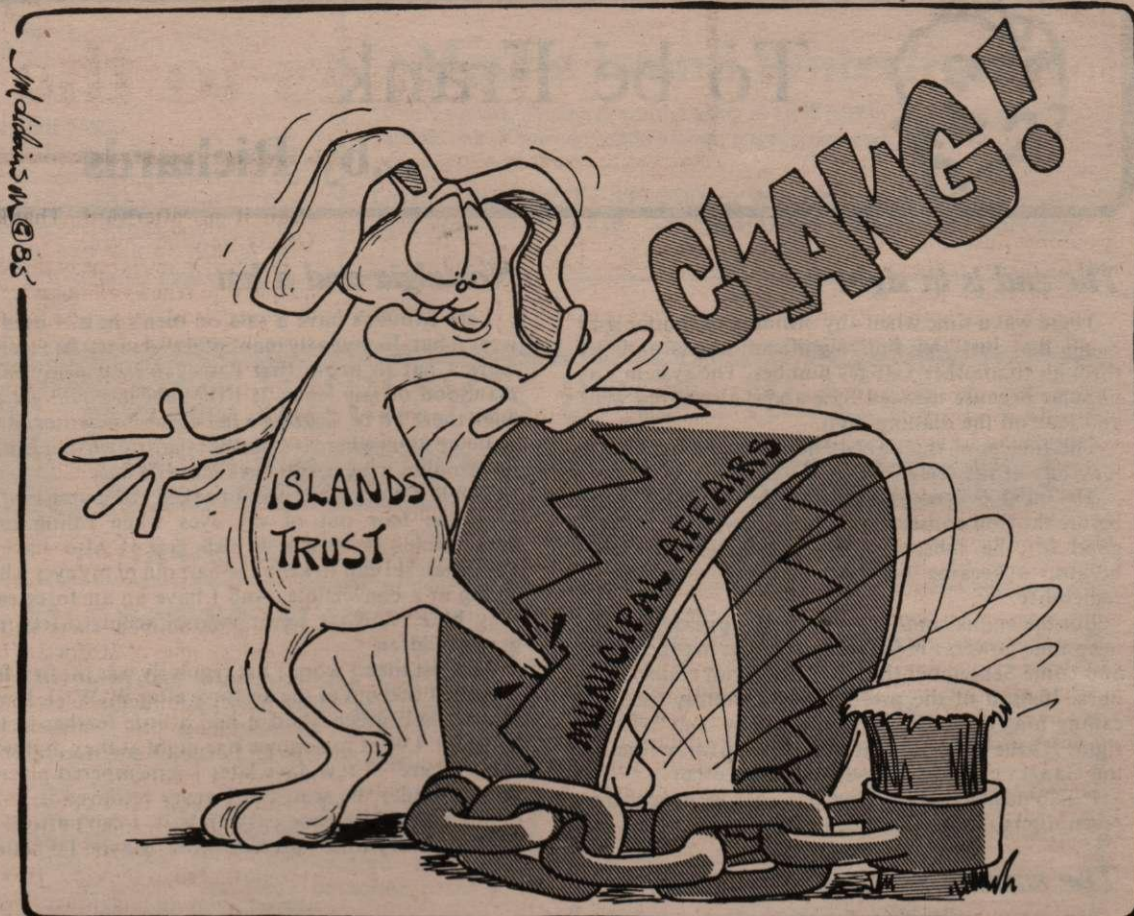
The amendment of the Senate as an elected House of Parliament with a representation of regions, rather than populations, has been the dream of many Canadians.

There have been cited many excellent reasons for retaining the Senate in a more representative and even in a more democratic form. Until all avenues have been explored it is premature to contemplate its demise.

The sudden concern over the function of the Senate was a sequel to the delay of a money bill through that House. Far better that able and alert Canadian statesmen should have foreseen the possibility of a Senate revolt and taken measures in the past to obviate that danger. The delay in approving a law is annoying, irritating and of no great consequence a few weeks later. Lack of delay in considering so serious a step as constitutional change would be irresponsible and an invitation to the nation to marry in haste. Or, perhaps, to divorce in haste and enjoy the same opportunity for leisurely repentance.

Few Canadians are content with the present pattern of Senate nomination. If the Ottawa parliament wants to move in the direction of change, let us see a national discussion of the alternatives and a national participation in considering those alternatives.

Let's not go off half-cocked on this issue.



Tony Richards

**DISGRACEFUL** is how a new Vancouver dining guide describes the food aboard B.C. Ferry Corporation vessels.

*The Complete Good Dining Guide to Greater Vancouver Restaurants* by university anthropology professor Cyril Belshaw states that B.C. Ferries food "is the worst publicity for the B.C. tourist industry anyone could have invented."

Belshaw, who I understand is an occasional visitor to Salt Spring Island, has this to say about ferry fare:

"The quality of food is disgraceful, well below normal city standards even for the cheaper cafeterias...It is even more inexcusable, since the menu is strictly confined to two or three hot items...The little hole-in-the-wall cafes at the main docks are even worse—they would certainly be despised as a truck stop.

"No one is asking for gourmet meals; but simple, interesting, carefully-prepared food is surely not too much to ask for a tourist-oriented industry, and one which serves—or should serve—very hungry people famished by the sea air. The only solution is to bring your own food aboard until someone gets the brilliant idea of improving standards.

**SOME BUSINESSES** have had a hard enough time with the recession, but when rumours of their imminent demise begin circulating times are made even harder.

The rumour mills have been churning out the news—not for the first time this year—that the Harbour House Hotel is about to shut down. One report had the place closing last Thursday.

Hotel patrons are assured by Stan Lam and Rod MacDonald that there are no plans to close the hotel, though refinancing negotiations have been going on for some time.

Closing of the hotel again would be bad news for Ganges. Rumours of its closing are almost as bad.

**AMONG THE MANY SENDERS** of cards and flowers on the occasion of this paper's anniversary was Tom Toynbee of Mouat's Trading Co, who came up with a good line for the message that accompanied the flowers.

"Not bad for a newcomer," it read.

The bouquet was a very nice gift but, funny thing, I'm no expert on flowers...

**MAN OF MANY JOBS** at Salt Spring Island is in the process of consolidation.

The ever-cheerful part-time freight man, part-time bartender and occasional worker at other trades, John Steele, takes over as manager of the Vesuvius Inn next month.

Inn proprietors Mike Hobbs et al have likely made a wise choice though I can't say as I am in full support. I had almost talked John into trying his hand at advertising sales when he was offered the manager's position.

Present manager John Teagle will be taking a public relations job at Victoria's new Island Pacific Brewery following his wedding to Kati Mouat next month.

**PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT** information services may have lots of information about government, but don't expect much if you have any questions concerning geography.

I was leaving my name and number at their Victoria office Friday for someone who wasn't available. The receptionist inquired if *Driftwood* was a newspaper. Indeed it was, I replied. This lady's on the ball, I thought to myself. Not too many people are that quick to realize what *Driftwood* is.

But then she asked what the area code was. She must have thought I was calling from India.

**WE'VE BEEN TOO HARD** on Hatfield, was a comment I heard recently in connection with the New Brunswick premier's day in court over the marijuana found in his suitcase.

As far as my informant was concerned, one needs marijuana and cocaine to make living in New Brunswick bearable.

**THE HIGHWAYS MINISTRY** needs some new signs and not just replacements for all those that have been knocked over in the past couple of weeks.

They need new ones to go alongside existing signs to read: "Caution—Children Playing."

It's too bad those children have nothing better to do than create jobs for the highways crews.

**THERE NOW ARE** five classifieds on file at the Island Information Exchange, computer enthusiast Udo Burger's bulletin board system.

I finally purchased a modem for my computer and joined 35 other users of Udo's system on the weekend.

My first job was to put a classified on file advertising—what else—*Driftwood* classified.

The system is also proving useful to find out from Fernwood School teacher John Cameron what homework my son should be doing.

## Trophies sought

Sir,  
Our season is coming to a close soon and I would like to know if anyone, either Golden-Agers or other bowlers, have trophies gathering dust and would like to pass them over to the Golden-Agers. You can either leave them at the bowling alley or at the thrift shop, as I can pick them up both places. I need mostly trophies for men as we have more ladies, but anything will be gladly appreciated.

I'm calling for a general meeting at Central Hall basement on March 30 at 1 pm and would like just as many as possible to attend. Please don't hang back as we need all the voices we can get.

I would like to have a raffle on a hamper and other goodies to help us with our banquet and prizes. You can leave your donations at the bowling alley for the hamper when you come to bowl. Please don't let me down as I need all the help I can get. This is a plea from your president.

**LUCY MOORE,**  
Ganges.



## Bill Webster

And so the saga of the Trusted Kingdom turns another chapter. Billie's Bunch sit in the Stone-Pile-by-the-Harbour and wax eloquent about how they are helping to free enterprise in beautiful Bee Cee.

Meanwhile, Just Another Bill from the Bunch lays land mines as a means of bringing order to the Trusted Kingdom.

Cast your remembrance back a year or two. That was when Bill (That seems a favourite name in the Bunch) of the Vander Slam got blatant and tried to make the stalwarts of the Trusted Kingdom walk the plank to oblivion.

The people of the Kingdom arose in anger and howls of protest were heard from here to Chemainus. And so Bill of the Vander Slam backed off and the Kingdom continued, although in tentative steps.

The problem, don't you know, involves nasty developers of subdivisions and other urban entities who look at the islands and see, not nature in her beauty, but bucks in abundance.

The stalwarts of the Trusted Kingdom stand at the ferry terminals, laws of the island etched in stone and handy at hand, the better to thwart the rape and pillage by the nasty types.

And of course, Billie and his Bunch, so dedicated to the concept of laissez faire, get a tad upset when the buck grubbers can't import a Surrey subdivision to Saturna Island.

Laissez faire can be interpreted in this case as sit back and let the bucks roll in.

When Bill of the Vander Slam stepped aside to seek other endeavours, there came upon the scene another Bill. As recently as last November, this guy placed his hand over his heart and in weepy tones, intoned that the Trusted Kingdom was here to stay.

Oh, yeah?  
In the same bit of prattle, Another Bill from the Bunch

## Time he was recognized

Sir,  
Danny has done it one too many times! Just one too many. That's it! He's done just one too many helpful, generous, kind and happy acts. The time has come for him to be recognized, noticed, applauded!

I needn't tell you he's Danny Evanishen because everyone knows Danny. He's one of the most pleasurable people to join a community. He's happy and hilarious. He runs the theatre. He's full of surprises and commitments.

When our nursery school attempted a fund-raiser at Central Hall Danny donated his projection equipment, his time, popcorn machine, bags and cups. Not only that, he set the place up and helped

clean it up afterward. Thanks to Danny we broke even.

For me Danny is one of those rare people who renews all those feelings of love, trust and goodness we struggle to hang on to as adults.

Thank you Danny. Please stick around Salt Spring.  
**MARLA SLOAN,**  
President,  
SSI Co-op Nursery School.

## No mention

Sir,  
You guys boobed—here I bought two extra copies of *Driftwood* to see the pictures and/or article on the two junior volunteers selected to go to Kamloops to represent Salt Spring Island tomorrow and there's not even a mention.

I think these (and other) youths who donate their time for others are "special kids" and deserve a lot more recognition than they got. How else are we going to encourage them to donate time as adults.

Maybe next week?  
**T. KENT,**  
Ganges.

## Worthy of call from Reagan

Sir,  
I simply must take exception to Carol Ramsey's letter in last week's *Driftwood*.

The heavy propaganda words, that sank its credibility, might be expected to originate in an exceptionally clean brain-(washed by many media myths). The vituperative rhetoric, spewed upon a "freely expressed" opinion by Ms. Horsdal, was worthy of a Reagan telephone commendation.

I can't believe that dishwashers deserved the attention they received by Ms. Ramsey but may all dishwasher owners wash their dishes in peace!  
**DAWNY SCARFE,**  
Ganges.

## They want court back

Sir,  
Where's our tennis court? As the high-school segment of the paper said, "One day it was there, then poof it was gone".

This is the only outdoor street hockey and basketball court on Salt Spring.

The question is why did it go, lots of kids used to use it for street hockey in winter and basketball in summer.

The fact is we want it back and we're willing to fight for it.  
**JON ELLIS,**  
**MATT OSBORNE,**  
Ganges.

## Time for look at pool?

Sir,  
Does anyone else agree with me that it's time to take another look at the feasibility of having a swimming pool on Salt Spring? I'm getting tired of having to pay the ferry fare and make a day of it "off-island" just so that my small daughter can have the opportunity to learn how to swim.

Perhaps, since the last

referendum, more people have moved here who support the idea of a small local pool that could serve the needs of our community. I do not have the necessary expertise to conduct a feasibility study into the idea, but I am willing to join with others who want to try again to promote it.

If anyone out there is already working on this, please give me a call at 537-9265.  
**WENDY VINE,**  
Ganges.

## Scarcity could be eliminated

Sir,  
A recent news item, an as-yet-unresolved dispute, and a persistent ad slogan tie in with a letter in last week's paper.

The news item: Defence Minister Eric Nielson apparently approves of the "Star Wars" concept and Canadian involvement for a share of the big bucks flashed around for research and development.

The dispute: the continuing saga of the logging of Meares Island.

The ad slogan: "You deserve the very best."

The letter (in part): "Frankly, I don't see the connection between North American affluence and Soviet aggression."

Of the world's population, North Americans in particular are subjected to a selling job on every level of their existence from cradle to grave. We are told that the "good life" can be had by purchasing the newest, most expensive "goomgot", that we must stay ahead of our neighbour on the block, that if we don't our lives will not be fulfilled, that we must do all of this to provide jobs and 'keep (or get) the economy moving', to improve our G.N.P. and

our "competitive edge" and so on. Maintaining "North American affluence" is at the root of many of the world's problems because it requires increasing amounts of the planet's finite resources—not all of which are located in North America. Therefore, it becomes necessary for major manufacturing and marketing concerns to "protect" their interests—the raw materials and cheap labour—and keep open their lines of supply.

These lines of supply often—usually—involve the so-called Third World countries whose only contribution to World economy is what grows on or lies within their borders. Hence, those "friendly connections" must be protected at any cost.

Now, it seems, space, the last frontier, must be won, controlled and protected to prove to all that we North Americans will go all out to maintain our superiority, our affluence, and pursuit of the "good life".

Where is the morality of creating a couple of hundred jobs for \$25 million worth of timber on a small island in B.C.? Where is the morality in the creation of a few thousand jobs at a cost of billions of dollars to research a system alleged to be able to defeat a totally immoral system of nuclear destruction which already has consumed unimaginable amounts of human endeavour and dollars all in the effort to "preserve North American affluence."

Do we really "deserve the best"? Can we really expect the rest of the population to willingly support our "habit" without resorting to "aggression"? Fear and suppression often lead to aggression. So do scarcity and deprivation, which creates the situation where the "haves" must defend against the "have-nots".

The bounties of the Earth are such that scarcity and deprivation could be eliminated. As a co-operative global community we could achieve "the best", the best of all possible worlds.

All we need is the will to make it happen.  
**RAY NEWMAN,**  
Ganges.

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# To perform abortion was at one time unthinkable

By DR. HUGH BORSMAN

When I read in *Driftwood* (March 6) about those two admirable young women who wish to offer assistance to those contemplating, yet unsure, about abortion, I was reminded of my own indecision over the years since abortion was "legalized" in Canada. There must be many who have never known, or have forgotten, how we came to our present state of affairs.

When I first started in practice in Montreal, abortion was something talked about, but never to be considered. Certainly there were a goodly number of persons, including some doctors, who were clandestinely performing abortions. This was the so-called back street abortion business. There were no doubt some abortionists who were motivated by compassion, but greed would be a more likely reason.

Some of the consequences of these abortion attempts included life-time chronic illness and sterility, and a significant number of women did not survive. I recall vividly how occasionally private cars or taxis would literally drop moribund women on the pavement outside the lower door of the Royal Victoria Maternity Hospital. They would eventually be discovered by the porter and admitted; some to recover, and some to die.

Some of the case reports are too gruesome to relate. The gynaecology wards of the "Mat", as it was called, always included women who were recovering, to a greater or lesser extent, from the effects of post-abort infection and/or haemorrhage.

When, some years later, I came to Victoria, the occasional sanctioned abortion was done, almost always for serious psychiatric illness. I performed perhaps one each year. In hindsight this was a much less cogent reason for termination than many of the medical indications which were not considered. Then, with comparatively little warning, Parliament made abortion "legal" with certain conditions and requirements.

This came as a distinct shock to almost all of us. For all our professional lives it had been unthinkable to perform abortion,

and within a few weeks we, mostly obstetricians and gynaecologists at that time, would have one or more women referred every week for consideration of legal abortion. The acceptable criterion was to approve or recommend abortion "where the life or health of the mother would be threatened by the continuation of the pregnancy". This was later amended by adding the words, "or is likely to".

The problem then became one of defining "health". The World Health Organization definition described health as "physical and mental well being". Partly because there didn't seem to be a better one, this definition was widely accepted but it created a real dilemma.

Anyone carrying an unwanted pregnancy would be emotionally distraught and would therefore qualify for abortion. So, in fact, abortion was really available on demand, and this was certainly not what the law had intended.

So to get around this problem it seemed essential to set out some reasonable criteria for abortions. For two years I was chairman of a joint Victoria hospitals committee which was trying to establish parameters that could be used as a guide for abortion committees. Two of the six doctors on that committee represented religions that would accept no grounds for abortion, including rape resulting in pregnancy in a minor; so no agreement was ever a possibility.

However, we considered all the various medical conditions that might represent a serious threat to a mother's health. One of the problems I then faced was a result of my experience of 30 years ago in Montreal. In those days rheumatic heart disease was not uncommon. Those women who were seriously affected, and who were pregnant, were at great risk, but most of them survived.

Tuberculosis was almost endemic in Quebec at that time, and these women, even seriously affected, usually survived a pregnancy, as did those with serious kidney disease. So it appeared there was almost no absolute indication for abortion. So the committee would then try and establish categories of severity and

estimate risk for each.

We found agreement almost impossible and were soon beginning to rely purely on subjective assessments. But the real question, and this was purely subjective, was to what extent there was hazard to the woman's emotional or mental well being. Here there were almost no signposts for the physician.

In desperation we turned to the psychiatrists who reluctantly saw patients for a while. This was not successful. First of all, urgent appointments were difficult to

you did not. If you did, you were almost bound to accept the woman's decision - there seemed to be so little else that was substantial to go on.

Abortion committees tended to look askance at applicants who had previous abortions. However I frequently find that there are special reasons why repeated unwanted pregnancies occur. Also some of these "repeaters" lack the mental equipment to care for themselves properly, or care for a child if they had one.

So for a number of reasons there can be no hard and fast rule that would disqualify those unfortunate enough to require more than one abortion.

Naturally enough the next clamour, particularly by a harassed and worried medical profession, was to change the law. Some years ago I had a Member of Parliament friend who was reasonably close to Mr. Trudeau. I asked the friend to enquire from Mr. Trudeau when the law would be changed. The answer I got was "never".

One can really see why. Politically no government would risk advocating abortion on demand. Leaving the law somewhat obscure gives protection to the lawmakers who can shift all responsibility to the abortion committees and the physicians. So leaving it as it is makes sense, at least from their standpoint, although in fairness I have no idea how it could be adequately revised.

One of the major concerns was that, after performing abortions for a considerable time, life, and the meaning of life, might be diminished. I didn't feel that this would happen to me, at least, but the following experience highlights the potential for such a change.

In Victoria I worked with three very respected colleagues. The four

of us did a good proportion of the consultations in the specialty and by about a year after the introduction of legal abortions, whichever one of us was on call for the weekend might face up to a maximum of 12 abortions on a Saturday morning.

One Friday night I spent from one to five in the morning trying to forestall a very premature birth, and treat haemorrhage in the mother. I spent some five hours trying (unsuccessfully) to save a 25 week fetus, and a few hours later I performed about 10 abortions in a couple of hours, with at least one being close to 19 weeks along. That sort of situation gives rise to a lot of soul searching.

So for many of us it is a truly disturbing problem. But when I recall how a few years ago I agonized for those who faced the terrifying problems associated with an unwanted pregnancy, when the patients threat of killing herself rather than continue with the pregnancy was a constant worry and the occasional one did just that, and with the very real hazards of illegal abortion if she could find someone to do it, not too many of us would like to turn the clock back.

The reason I have shared this experience is that few people writing on the subject have had the experience that qualifies them to write with any authority and assurance. Certainly I am not able to make such judgments.

What I do endorse is the provision of counselling services and the help of such people as Kathryn Landry and Sharon Price. But I would again stress that in the final analysis the one who faces pregnancy must have her needs and wishes considered a priority.

The writer is a gynaecologist and chief of staff at Lady Minto Hospital.

## Obscure law provides protection for lawmakers

obtain. One visit was often insufficient for a useful opinion and the psychiatrists also realized they were being "used" by the doctor and/or the patient. In most areas this device was soon abandoned, except in special cases.

So, like the Royal Commission on Abortion, which I met with twice, we never really established firm guidelines. I certainly discovered that I was not able to decide, and really had no right to decide, who was worthy, and who was not. What became very obvious was that you either did abortions or

## This occasion warranted the wearing of a tie

By BRYAN SMITH

I gave a last glance in the mirror. I was actually wearing a tie and although that is a no-no on Salt Spring one has to consider where one is going and the occasion warranted such an adornment. At least, so I thought.

I was heading for a drop-in celebration. The ship had been at sea (oh boy, had it ever) for the past 25 years and it was a tea and cake affair (no crumpets, alas).

I decided against using my old van and arrived in style with my better half's Cutlass. You couldn't park on the wharf. They had a beat-up truck there crammed with junk and I immediately realized it was the psychological touch of giving visitors the impression that the ship was not really affluent and therefore don't expect champagne and caviar.

At the gangway I was soon ensnared by the female crew and was quickly ushered to the main deck where an ever smiling lady was demonstrating the latest equipment necessary to run an efficient ship.

I spotted the captain and to my dismay he was on duty. He had recently been seen wearing a tie but he was wearing the uniform of Salt Spring, i.e. open-necked shirt, plaid checkered, and jeans.

There was a discreet cough at my elbow punctuated by the ever familiar "eh" or "ay". It was the

retired admiral, of course, completely immaculate in a Limey casual outfit and a cravat to match his shoes. As with all ex-Limeys we had the usual chit-chat running down everything and everybody. I hailed from Kent and he was from the Birmingham area and their "Brummagen" accent needs serious decoding.

The admiral's lady came over and was her usual charming self and showed me a plaque on the wall of the adjacent ward room. It was a photo of the admiral with a potted history of his career up to his 39th birthday! Apparently he is a dab hand at fixing garage doors and putting the cat out at night.

The captain strolled over and offered me the inevitable cuppa. I feared the worst. Canadians are not as bad as the Americans who deliver a cup of warm water with a listless tea bag in the saucer served by a "do-it-yourself" waitress. However, the captain was the admiral's son and had obviously been trained the right way. It was an excellent cup of tea.

The savoury tray was most colourful and looked delicious and far too good to eat. I sliced myself a piece of fantastic cake made by fantastic caterers. I am conservative re my taste buds and surrounded by such liberal-minded people I refuse to belabour the point.

Nearby was a wall literally

plastered with plaques and diplomas of the ship's successful voyages through the seas of humanity and local events. Somewhat mesmerized I wandered away and found myself at the doorway leading into the captain's cabin. You couldn't get in. It was jammed tight with an awe-stricken group of Springers whose voices had dropped to a respectful whisper as befitting a "holy of holies".

However, I managed to get a glimpse of the captain's desk. No clutter, just a lidless coffee tin stacked with blue pencils.

It was too much. I needed fresh air but was immediately button-holed by a lieutenant complete with moustache and Van Dyke beard and it was ironical to find I could understand his Eastern accent better than the admiral's. He went into "reams" of chit chat re the old days and it was his job to keep the log book up to date.

Back on the wharf I gave the truck a friendly kick on the tires. It had been a most pleasant half-hour.

Now, where was I? If you don't get my "drift" "wood" you want me to spell it out!

The writer is a Salt Spring Island resident who drifted into Ganges last Thursday for tea and cake.

## Director's report

By HUGH BORSMAN

Today (March 27) the board of the regional district will select the contractor who will be installing the trunk lines for the Ganges sewer. When the contractors picked up their copy of the prospectus, each one was informed verbally that we looked forward to as many local people being employed as possible.

I will have attended the opening of the bids on March 25, so that I might again make this clear to the contractor chosen.

In so far as individual jobs are concerned, there should be some information available by the next *Driftwood*, but if those in the trucking business, or those with heavy machinery, would like to drop me a note with details of what you could, or would wish to do, I will see that the information gets to the contractor. Again there should be more information next week. You may recall that the estimated starting date is April 9.

The bids for the construction of the treatment plant will be due towards the end of April, so there will be more details about a month from now.

My address is: Mountain View Drive, R. R. 1, Ganges.

I have been informed that the food bank at the Community Centre is badly depleted. I will arrange for a grant-in-aid, but this will have to be supplemented with a very special effort by all of you.

There are still boxes in the grocery stores, but you may prefer to drop your contribution off at the Community Centre.

There is a general feeling that the special events bylaw is unnecessary. I personally feel that it would have been nice to have it on the books, but I admit it is not likely to be used often enough to make it a priority item. So I suggest we drop that one, at least for now.

The objectionable noise bylaw is also running into resistance. Almost everyone that has spoken to me or written is in favour of it, but groups such as the Chamber of Commerce, the Advisory Planning Commission, and the farmers' groups, are opposed to it.

I would appreciate some further opinions, pro or con. It is just possible that we may have to wait and have a referendum or straw vote at the time of the elections in November. I will keep the matter on the front burner!

# Trust accepts chamber definition for bylaw

The Islands Trust will try one more time to close loopholes in the C-4 zoning, which affects tourist resorts on Salt Spring Island.

At a Salt Spring Island Trust Committee meeting in January, a definition of transient accommodation had been brought forward but the Chamber of Commerce, representing concerns of resort owners, asked that the matter be tabled until it could be studied and compared with similar definitions in other jurisdictions.

Chamber president Tony Richards sent a letter to the Islands Trust in which a definition acceptable to the resort owners was laid out.

Richards noted that the chamber recommends a definition used by the city of Victoria. It reads: "that transient accommodation is accommodation by one or more persons who normally live elsewhere."

The Trust committee decided to accept that definition and the staff was requested to draw up a new bylaw incorporating the chamber's suggestion.

Two other concerns of the resort owners may not be addressed in the new bylaw.

Charles Bazzard, of Maracaibo Estates, had objected to the proposal to limit the floor area of accommodation to a maximum of 1,000 square feet. He had told the Trust that the transient accommodation planned for Maracaibo was to be 1,200 square feet.

Jim and Tish Loisselle of the Last Resort on North Beach Road had expressed similar reservations about the maximum allowable size.

In addition to aspects of the bylaw, resort owners are upset at the process which led to the current dispute between the Trust and the owners.

The problems should have been dealt with ahead of time, said one

owner. The Trust had been told last summer of the concerns about changes to the zoning bylaw.

"In 1985, you solve problems by consultation not confrontation," said one resort owner.

Richards had also sent a letter to the Trust on that matter.

He wrote: "...I would like to urge the Trust Committee to take into consideration the concerns of the business community when drafting or preparing bylaws that may affect it."

The letter, Richards noted, "was prompted by concern expressed at a recent general meeting...that the business community was being ignored by the Trust."

The concerns could be overcome "through closer co-operation" he concluded.

Gilbert said that the chamber is eligible to send a representative to meetings of the Advisory Planning Commission but attendance of chamber representatives in the past had not been on a regular basis.

He expressed confidence that the situation would change because, he said, the chamber has become an active group recently.

Gilbert also told *Driftwood* that the Islands Trust is looking at provisions of the proposed bylaw amendment which would eliminate the maximum floor-area size in favour of some other way of controlling density on the properties involved.

He indicated that provisions to allow winter rentals could also be part of the new bylaw proposal.

When the suggested changes have been incorporated into a new bylaw, a public hearing will take place.



**HAPPY 6th BIRTHDAY KARLA!**

## Islander wins new car

The Super Loto draw of February 24 featured four automobiles as prizes and Cliff Harrison of Pender Island was one of the winners.

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**Salt Spring or Saltspring?**

**Island's spelling debated**

The debate over the spelling of Salt Spring Island may be erupting again after a 15-year hiatus, this time in the pages of a Victoria newspaper.

Chamber of Commerce president and *Driftwood* publisher Tony Richards wrote to the *Victoria Times-Colonist* three weeks ago to express appreciation for publicity given to a chamber project. He concluded his letter by gently chiding the newspaper for continually spelling Salt Spring as "Saltspring Island."

The *Times-Colonist* editor responded with an editorial on the subject, explaining why it used the one-word spelling.

Since then two Salt Spring residents have responded with letters in Richards' support.

Lifelong island resident Johnny Bennett, noting that the paper had said the one-word spelling was adopted in 1905, wondered why it took another 65 years for "that official spelling to come into use."

He also pointed out that records at the Victoria land registry office use the two-word spelling.

"You quoted the B.C. Tel directory and the number of businesses and organizations and their spellings," Bennett wrote. "If you knew anything about the island you would know that the two-word spellers are mostly old-timers while the one-worders are mostly newcomers."

Second letter was from Chuck Horel, and is reprinted here.

**Is your Saltspring somewhere in the East?**

It is quite in order with the sturdy yeomen of Salt Spring Island for the *Times-Colonist* to take care of the less important matters in this province, such as the constitution, the protest picnics at the legislature, and the hollow sound of prosperity slipping down the tube, but your scurrilous editorial attack upon our local scribe, Tony Richards, and more particularly, touching upon the dignity, the spacing, the spelling and the pronouncement of our island name, affects too closely the fabric of our daily lives.

The *Times-Colonist* forgets its breeding. Would Amor de Cosmos have used the telephone book as an English reference? I am sure that if you turn back to the issues of the *Colonist* of the time when the world was properly run, when foreigners knew their place below the salt, and were allowed no salt, when Queen Victoria was on the throne, you will find that Salt Spring Island was referred to in your columns with the

respect and honour implied by the careful pronouncement of the separate and individual words in all their awful and solemn state.

That you should use for final authority the very Eastern source that bollixed the usage in 1905 betokens an ignorance of local history that is profound indeed.

Salt Spring Island was first christened Admiral Island by the Royal Navy to honour their local commander but the early residents had already selected both the present name and the separated spelling of that name, and they were, if possible, even more sturdy and yeomanlike than they are now and they ignored the officious-sounding christening and continued using their own homely and comfortable title for the island.

The great Royal Navy was busy blowing the garters off the Russians at the time but they took a moment to put Salt Spring Island back on their charts once again with the correct and handsome spelling.

In 1873 Salt Spring Island became a municipality by that name and spelling usage, confirmed by the provincial legislature of the time. The municipality aroused a period of local strife that would make the Ganges sewer debate look like tea at the Empress. My grandfather with some others tried to rig the elections to smooth things out, a normal

tactic of the times, but unfortunately they were caught.

The municipality was disbanded by order-in-council in 1883, but the pertinent point is that prior to that time, during that time and after, the provincial government used the proper two-word spelling for the name.

The Salt Spring Island member of the legislature, first in the crown colony of Vancouver Island, later in the British Columbia legislature, until some 50 years ago, ran for, and was elected to represent Salt Spring Island, and you will notice that the provincial usage is still reflected in the B.C. ferry schedules and in the Victoria Land Title Office.

Salt Spring Island people have never accepted that a politically appointed hack in Eastern Canada who could not even pronounce "Nanaimo" should have dictated the usage and spelling of this island's name. That the press in Victoria and Vancouver, and the B.C. Telephone Company, has adopted the error saddens us, and reinforces our suspicions of the degenerating values in town. We know where you are going in that handbasket.

We are all pleasant, congenial, open-hearted, tolerant and friendly folks over here and our goodwill is easy to secure. A simple abject apology is all that is required.

**Bridge winners**

Gulf Islands Bridge Club winners March 18 were:

North-south: Mildred Gurney and Kay Javorski, Fred Struve and Gordon Hutton, Lorna and Peter Pentz, Bee Thompson and Marguerite Hall, Rose and Fred Batchelor. East-west: May Whiten and Margaret Ellison, Muriel Brothers and Sally Viminitz, Madeline and Joe Frantz, Marion Ashmore and Vivian Storr, Libby Downs and Robbie Polgieter.

Tuesday night: North-south, Irene Hawksworth and Gordon Hutton, Helen Shandro and Dorothy Crofton, Lois Popkin-Curman and Mona Coulter. East-west: Bunny Jordan and Fred Melhuish, Anne and Norm McConnell, Shirley Love and Marion Ashmore.

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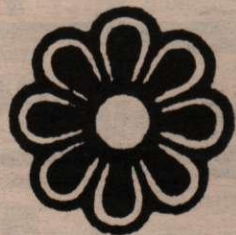
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## Trustees setting attendance areas

The Gulf Islands School Board is in the process of setting up attendance areas for the schools of the various islands.

A notice of motion to that effect was made at the school board meeting on Pender Island last week.

The designated areas for the Outer Islands for children from kindergarten to Grade 7 are the islands on which they live.

Children in Grades 8 and 9 at Mayne, Galiano and Saturna Islands are expected to attend the junior secondary school at Mayne.

The Grade 8 pupils at Pender Island shall attend school on that island while the Grade 9 children are to go to Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) at Salt Spring.

Students in Grades 10 to 12 from the Outer Islands as well as students in Grades 8 to 12 on Salt Spring are to attend GISS.

The boundaries for the three elementary school areas on Salt Spring have not yet been set.

The school trustees are

attempting to define those areas in an effort to try for equity among the three schools.

However, children can gain permission to attend a school outside the designated attendance area under certain conditions.

The application for transfer must be for a "valid educational reason" and submitted to the superintendent of schools who will rule on the request.

Any decision of the superintendent can be appealed to the school board but the ruling of the trustees will be final.

If the child is allowed to transfer to a school in a different attendance area, the parent is held responsible for transportation "at no cost to the board."

An added qualification on transferring to a different attendance area covers specialty programs. It reads: "Students who travel outside their designated areas for specialty programs such as French immersion must arrange

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The policy comes to debate and vote at the school board meeting to be held April 11.

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**Doubling minimum size considered**

# Watershed bylaw will be discussed May 3

Efforts to protect watershed areas on Salt Spring have become a matter of tactics, says Islands Trust chairman Mike Humphries of Lasqueti Island.

At a meeting of the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee last week various proponents of large-lot sizes in watershed areas urged the Trust to go ahead with a bylaw which would increase minimum lot sizes to 20 acres from the current 10.

But Humphries explained that the matter would be on the agenda of the next meeting of the Trust Committee, May 3, and that each of the land-owners affected would be notified of the meeting by letter.

The committee had submitted a bylaw amendment to the minister of municipal affairs which would have increased the minimum lot size to 30 acres. The minister, however, rejected the amendment when some residents complained that they had not had an opportunity to comment on the proposed change.

The committee tried a second time to gain ministerial approval for the minimum lot size increase. But the minister rejected that attempt as well with the comment that there were ways of protecting watershed areas other than increasing lot sizes.

At that point, the committee decided to amend the amendment and substituted a minimum lot size

of 20 acres for the 30. The proposal has been discussed at at least two meetings since.

At the meeting last week, Tom Wright told the committee that he has lived on St. Mary Lake for 18 years. During that time, he said, the quality of the water has fluctuated from good to bad. He told the trustees that he would support measures to ensure that the quality of the water was protected.

Support for the increase in minimum lot size came from the Salt Spring Water Preservation Society, the Highland Waterworks District, the North Salt Spring Waterworks District, the Beddis Waterworks District and the Fulford Waterworks District.

While the aim of the amendment is to protect the St. Mary Lake watershed, it would also affect the watersheds of Cusheon and Weston Lakes.

A suggestion which had support at the meeting involved compensation to owners of large parcels in the watershed areas who would be limited in the number of lots available if they wanted to subdivide their property.

Money for such compensation could be made available through a surcharge on the water bill, it was suggested.

There are about 20 owners of

large parcels in the three watersheds who would be affected by the bylaw amendment.

Some of the land involved is farmland. The zoning for those properties is Agricultural 2 and the minimum lot size is set at 20 acres. To subdivide farmland requires a recommendation of approval from the Islands Trust plus exemption for the land from the Agricultural Land Commission.

As a first step to protecting watershed areas the committee agreed to a proposal from Nick Gilbert, Salt Spring Island Trust representative, to increase the setback distance for buildings which would be located close to the lakes.

Under the zoning bylaw, buildings are to be set back at least 25 feet from water's edge as a flood control measure. If the land is lower than 10 feet above the water surface, the setback increases to 50 feet.

Sewage disposal fields, under the zoning bylaws, are to be located no closer than 200 feet from the lakeshore. But the provincial health regulations set the distance at 100 feet. When subdivision approval goes through provincial channels, the health regulation is usually followed.

Gilbert explained to the meeting that the watershed protection proposal is a "sensitive issue." He

stressed that everyone concerned should have an opportunity to address the issue.

Watersheds for the supply of potable water for both Vancouver and Victoria have been declared protected areas. No activity at all is allowed in those areas.

The situation at St. Mary Lake will be eased somewhat when the Channel Ridge subdivision gets rolling. The developers have indicated a willingness to dedicate close to 270 acres of watershed land to the community.

At Maxwell Lake, the minimum lot size has been 30 acres for several years. In addition, much of the land in the watershed area has been dedicated to the community as a means of protecting the supply of recharge water for the lake.

Monitoring of the water quality of St. Mary Lake has been carried

out over the years. The Trust Committee suggests the increase in minimum lot size as an interim step to allow time for a complete study of the watershed areas to be carried out.

The study would look at such aspects as location of buildings and sewage disposal facilities in relation to the lakeshore. It would also look at the impact of agricultural activities on the lakes.

Gilbert indicated that such a study of watershed areas has been the subject of discussion with various provincial ministries but has not yet been finalized.

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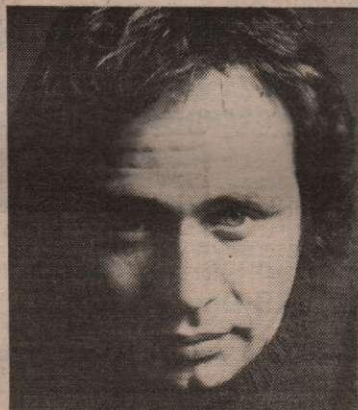
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## National Book Week observed here

The seventh annual National Book Festival will take place April 13-20 in communities across the country to celebrate the written word through writers of fiction, poetry, drama and local history.

The theme of the festival—which for the first time will be observed in the Gulf Islands—is *A celebration of imagination—a salute to the wealth and diversity of literary writing in Canada.*



local poets.

Canadian poets P.K. Page and Joe Rosenblatt will be featured at the opening event, 7:30 pm April 13 at the Community Centre. Both poets have been widely published and are recipients of the governor-general's award for poetry.

A party will follow the reading to provide an opportunity for the audience to talk informally with the poets.

Details of other events will be published next week.



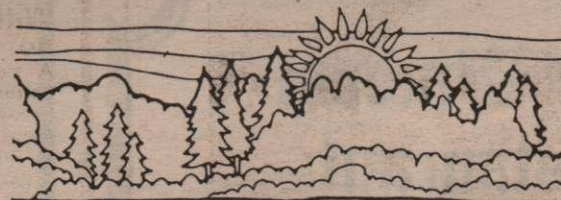
A committee of local writers and literary enthusiasts is planning a program of events, all of which will be free of charge, beginning Saturday, Apr. 13. Events will include a gala poetry reading and party, readings in the schools by writers of children's literature, Canadian play readings and a presentation and reading from an author of local history. Also scheduled is a showing of the film *Poetry in Motion* and readings by

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| ISLANDS FUTURES                          | Jim Fogarty & Beth Hill  |
| afternoon: WATERSHED MANAGEMENT          | Tom Gossett, President, Salt Spring Water Preservation Society                 |
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# Five speakers scheduled for seminar on Saturday

Five speakers are on the agenda for a seminar Saturday at Salt Spring Island.

*Land Conservancy and Community Economics* is the title of the seminar, which will run from 10 am to 3 pm at Central Hall.

Speakers are Bob Nixon, on sustainable forestry, Jim Fogarty and Beth Hill on Island Futures, Tom Gossett on watershed management and John Rich on crown lands access and recreational trails.

Nixon, managing editor of *Forest Planning Canada* and a founding director of the seminar's sponsor, West Coast Islands Conservancy, will discuss incentives for community forestry. He will discuss profitability, tax structures and incentives for forest economic renewal and conservation lifestyles and values.

Nixon will look at examples from California, Sweden and—closer to home—the forestry proposal by North Cowichan Mayor Graham Bruce, which calls for municipal/

local involvement in forest land management.

Jim Fogarty and Beth Hill, directors on the Island Futures Society, will summarize progress and current plans of the group in relation to forestry planning and silviculture concepts to be outlined by Nixon.

Salt Spring Water Preservation Society president Tom Gossett will look at watershed quality and protection and former Islands Trust chairman John Rich of Bowen Island will look at access to crown lands.

Rich will clarify rights and limitations of recreational access and provide a general checklist for investigating access to public and private lands.

West Coast Islands Conservancy, based at Hornby Island, is working to develop innovative ways to protect island lifestyles and the environment and to promote public awareness of the need for a strong ethic of land stewardship. Its primary goal is to act as a land conservancy, to solicit and receive grants of island land and to raise funds through charitable donations to purchase land.

Admission to Saturday's seminar is free or by tax-deductible donation.

## Meetings schedule prepared

The Gulf Islands School Board will be meeting five times between now and the end of the school year in June.

On April 11, the school board gathers at Ganges in the school board office.

The trustees hit the road for a meeting at Saturna on April 25.

They return to Salt Spring Elementary School for a meeting on May 16 before heading to Mayne Island for a get-together on June 6.

The school board usually meets in the Community Hall on Saturna, in the gymnasium at the Mayne Island school, and the library at Salt Spring Elementary.

The final meeting before the summer holiday for schools begins is set for the board office in Ganges on June 27.

The trustees meet for committee sessions during the morning and take time for a closed-door session before meeting the public during the afternoon.

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4 Wednesdays, starting April 10, Puhky clinic, Fulford

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# Meeting hears suggestions for improving reservation system

Tactics ranging from billing no-shows to blacklisting them were among the proposals heard last Thursday at the annual meeting of the Salt Spring Transportation Committee.

Chief topic on the agenda was the B.C. Ferry Corporation's new reservations system, and the 15 people who attended the meeting had a wide range of suggestions for improvement.

Main purpose of the new booking system is to reduce the number of no-shows—travellers who make reservations and then fail to show up at sailing time. But the system has met with opposition from island residents for a variety of reasons, such as the requirement for payment to Victoria or Vancouver and the 30-day cancellation clause, requiring cancellations to be made 30 days before the sailing date to obtain a refund.

The new system requires payment of vehicle fare within five days of making a reservation.

Among the suggestions heard Thursday were:

- Allow payment at Long Harbour terminal;
- allow residents to put up a \$50 deposit and maintain it for reservations;
- bill no-shows;
- blacklist no-shows;
- prepay return fare and reserve it while on the ferry en route to Tsawwassen; and

Some residents pointed out that it was often difficult to cancel a reservation. One speaker noted that he had listened to taped music for 10 minutes waiting for a free phone line.

Committee member Arvid

Chalmers told the meeting that airlines allow cancellations up to one day before flight time on regular flights.

The meeting also discussed scheduling and parking fees at Swartz Bay and Tsawwassen. It was felt that the corporation should be asked to show how the scheduling is done.

Speaking on the parking fees, Chalmers said it would pay the corporation to provide free parking so that more people would travel on foot.

"By upping the fee 50¢ they're putting more cars on the boat at peak load times," he said.

It was also noted that there are now two attendants on duty at the Swartz Bay parking area, whereas before the corporation used meters. One speaker called it job creation.

Another proposal concerned commercial fares. The committee was urged to consider pressing for the provision of commuter tickets for commercial users.

In her annual report committee chairman Joan Ingram recalled

there had been little communication with B. C. Ferries until islands MLA Hugh Curtis helped arrange meetings with the corporation. She said a major concern of the group was that the corporation seldom paid any attention to what islanders had to say until after changes were made.

At one point during the meeting Ingram expressed frustration over what she termed the apathy of island residents, wondering why more people, including commuters and those who park their vehicles at Swartz Bay, weren't at the meeting.

The concerns expressed Thursday will be passed along today (Wednesday) at a meeting between the committee and ferry corporation officials, including president Andrew Collier.

Thursday's meeting saw three new members elected to the committee. They are Beth Straarup, Michael Glenmore and Blair Nelson. Straarup and Glenmore were elected for two-year terms, Nelson for one.



Mayne School students Colleen Hammer and Mary Forest are ready to present their part of live radio broadcast at Vancouver's Co-op Radio.

## Live broadcast goes off without a hitch

The first of two radio programs broadcast by students of Mayne School went off without a hitch, according to a school spokesman this week.

Students in the school's Grade 4-7 class presented *Life on an Island* in a live broadcast March 17. One listener called in to Co-op Radio,

102.7 FM, to obtain a complete transcript of the program.

The second program, which was taped, was marred somewhat by technical difficulties at the station.

Teacher Pam Edge described the project as a tremendous learning experience and a great practical application of language arts skills.

## Police want help

RCMP request assistance from residents of Salt Spring in an effort to stop vandalism aimed at road signs.

Police report that in recent days road signs have been pulled from the ground and discarded. On several

occasions the signs were placed on the roadway.

Such actions could lead to a serious accident, said a police spokesman.

If residents see anyone removing the road signs, they are asked to contact RCMP as soon as possible.

## Registration continues

Minor softball registration continues this week at Salt Spring Elementary School in Ganges.

Organizer Rob Tranter says he hopes to have two leagues again this year, one for 7-10-year-olds and the other for 11-13-year-olds.

Volunteers are also needed to help with coaching. Last year some

people had two or three teams to coach. Season will run from April till June.

Fees, which include caps and ribbons, are \$15 per child, \$35 or three or more. Registrations will take place from 4.45 to 6 pm, Thursday and Friday at the school's front entrance.

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### Delicatessen opens

Humperdinks Deli officially became part of Gasoline Alley in Ladner. Participants must arrange their own car-pooling and catch the 7 am ferry from Long Harbour.

left, has been operating Salt Spring delicatessen for past six years and has had help from Janet Marshall,

right, during that time. In addition to usual offerings, deli features self-serve lunch bar with seating area.

## Activities for April announced by club

There will be four activities April 2 to begin the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club's schedule for the month.

Ruby Alton will lead a general interest trip to Reifel Sanctuary in Ladner. Participants must arrange their own car-pooling and catch the 7 am ferry from Long Harbour.

Other events include a leader's choice easy walk with Harry Pickstone, a leader's choice regular walk with Nora Ray and a hike on Mt. Belcher with Betty Ball. Meeting place for all three is Centennial Park at 10 am.

On April 9 Caroline Moore will lead an easy walk in Arnell Park, Tony Pederson will conduct a regular walk on Reginald Hill and Fred Maybee will guide a hike on Mt. Bruce. Meeting place for the first is Centennial Park at 10 am and

for the latter two, Centennial Park at 10 or Drummond Park at 10.15.

Participants are urged to bring binoculars April 16 for a general interest bird watch with Bristol Foster. Meeting place is Centennial Park at 8 am or Central Hall at 8.05.

On the same day Lorna Clark will lead a regular walk at Mt. Maxwell and Bob Kirtland will lead a hike at Nose Point. Meeting place is Centennial Park at 10 am for both.

A visit to a wildflower reserve and Skutz Falls on Vancouver Island are on the agenda for April 23 with Joan Lott. Meeting place is Centennial Park at 9.30 am to catch the 10 am ferry from Vesuvius.

There will also be a regular walk at Channel Ridge with Linda Goddu and a hike on the Samsom cliffs with Bob Ball, meeting at Centennial Park at 10 am.

A general interest excursion April 30 will entail an easy walk at The Frestle in the Shawnigan Lake area with Annemarie Dahlke. Meeting place is Centennial Park at 9.30 am to catch the 10 am ferry from Vesuvius.

Also on the 30th Bev Unger will lead a regular walk at Beaver Point and Loes Holland will guide a hike on the Waterfall Trail. Meeting place for both is Centennial Park at 10 am or Drummond Park at 10.15.

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### Auction raises \$2,000

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## SATURNA SCENE

By PRISCILLA JANSZEN

At the Easter bake sale at 3 pm April 6 at the Community Hall, the Women's Club annual bake and plant sale will take place. This sale is a special occasion—a real chance to stock up on homemade candy, pies, bread, buns, cookies, cakes and coffee cakes for Easter.

The plant tables are loaded up with garden specialties—flowers, bulbs and cuttings of all sorts. Spring is just the time to successfully transplant your purchase into your garden.

The tea is elegant with dainty tablecloths, spring flowers decorating the tables, tea in cups (with saucers!) and a selection of homemade cookies. Everyone is welcome.

Also on Saturday there will be a dance at the hall. More details later.

March 30, don't forget, is the date for the bridge tournament. Sign up at the post office or the store with your partner for contract bridge.

Christmas is now over and it's barbecue time. The first meeting will be on the 28th of April.

At the last community club

meeting a new slate of officers was elected: Taimi Hindmarch, president; Jacques Campbell, vice-president; Dayle Campbell replaces Annie Popperwell as secretary and Doris Ackerman will continue as treasurer. All of the committees made reports.

Hazel Trickey submitted a particularly lively and detailed report of the health clinic and her services as nurse and bodily ills repair lady. Hazel has made many house calls dispensing good advice, kind words, tools of her trade, and

smarties for the timid and those under 21 years.

The provincial ambulance service supplies Hazel with many medical supplies and the Women's Club sees that Hazel has any other supplies she needs.

Bev Bruce is retiring from her clinic secretary job. She will now concentrate more on her baby. Many thanks, Bev, for your time, skill and friendly efforts. Hazel thanked Dave Jack for coming to the rescue in several medical situations.

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